

REMARKS

Claims 107, 108, 129, 131-168 are pending. Claims 107, 108, 129, and 131-155 have been amended, claims 1-106, 109-128, and 130 have been canceled, and new claims 156-168 have been added to recite additional features of Applicant's invention.

Reconsideration of the application is requested for the following reasons.

On May 16, 2006, Applicant's representative contacted the Examiner by telephone to request that the scheduled interview be postponed until after this paper has been received for consideration. **Applicant now requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's representative for the purpose of holding the interview** to discuss the amendments presented herein. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments presented herein distinguish the claims from the cited references in a manner sufficient to place the entire application into condition for allowance. These amendments will now be discussed in detail below.

In the Final Office Action, claims 107, 108, and 129, 131, 132, 134-136, 139, 141, and 144 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for being anticipated by the Norman patent. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

A. Claim 129 and its Dependent Claims.

First, claim 129 has been amended to recite that the hard-wired telephone includes a “processor for automatically setting the first wireless communications unit to receive one or more calls from a wireless service provider.” The Norman patent does not disclose these features.

As shown in Figures 1-3, the Norman patent discloses a mobile telephone 10 and a hard-wired telephone. The hard-wired telephone (coupled to PSTN 59 in Figure 2) is used to receive a phone call from a customer activation center. During the phone call, the customer activation center orally provides a user who answers the hard-wired telephone with a new telephone number (referred to as a permanent MIN). The user then manually dials the new number into the mobile telephone 10 to activate it. (See column 12, line 65 - column 13, line 13).

However, unlike claim 129, the Norman patent does not disclose that its hard-wired telephone includes a “processor for automatically setting the first wireless communications unit to receive one or more calls from a wireless service provider.” Instead, the mobile phone user manually inputs this number into the phone after receiving it orally from a customer activation center operator. (See also column 6, lines 5-12). Then, a processor in the mobile phone 10 is used to set the phone to receive calls at the new MIN number.

In other embodiments, Norman discloses sending the new MIN to mobile phone 10 from a wireless service provider or through PSTN 59. In this latter case, an RJ-11 jack is plug directly into the mobile telephone. However, even in these embodiments, a processor

in the hard-wired telephone is not used to automatically set the mobile telephone to receive calls at the new MIN number. Instead, a processor in mobile phone 10 is used to perform this setting function.

None of the embodiments disclosed in the Norman patent, therefore, disclose a hard-wired telephone that includes a “processor for automatically setting the first wireless communications unit to receive one or more calls from a wireless service provider” as recited in claim 129.

Second, claim 129 recites that the processor in the hard-wired telephone performs the function of “automatically setting the first wireless communications unit to receive said calls based on a phone number of a second wireless communications unit corresponding to a user’s pre-existing mobile telephone number.” The Norman patent does not disclose these features.

In all embodiments of Norman, the dummy and permanent MIN numbers are phone numbers for the same mobile phone 10. However, claim 129 recites that the hard-wired telephone processor automatically sets the first wireless communications unit to receive calls at a mobile telephone number of a second wireless communications unit. (For example, the claimed invention covers the non-limiting case of where the first wireless communications unit is included in the telephone set and the second wireless communications unit is the personal cell phone of a user.) The Norman patent does not disclose these features.

Further, claim 129 requires the processor in the hard-wired telephone to perform the setting function for the second wireless terminal number, specifically to a pre-existing mobile telephone number of the second wireless communications unit owned by the user. The Norman patent also fails to disclose these features.

Third, claim 129 requires the processor in the hard-wired telephone to obtain the mobile telephone number of the second wireless communications unit from a removable storage medium inserted into a reader. Norman does not disclose these features.

Based on at least these differences, it is respectfully submitted that claim 129 is not anticipated by the Norman patent. Applicant further submits that these differences are sufficient to establish the non-obviousness of claim 129 and its dependent claims over the Norman patent, whether taken alone or in combination with the other cited references of record, which individually and collectively fail to teach or suggest the features added by amendment to claim 129.

New claims 164-168 have been added to further define the telephone set of claim 129. Claim 164 recites that the **“audio signals corresponding to said calls as received by the first wireless communications unit are output through a handset of the hard-wired telephone.”** These features are not taught or suggested by the cited references, whether taken alone or in combination.

Claim 165 recites that “**the first wireless communications unit, the memory unit, and said processor are included within a housing of the hard-wired telephone.**”

These features are not taught or suggested by the cited references, whether taken alone or in combination.

Claim 167 recites that the processor in the hard-wired telephone “**automatically deactivates** the first wireless communications unit from receiving calls at the phone number of the second wireless communications unit, and **automatically sets** the first wireless communications unit to receive calls at a phone number of a **third wireless communications unit** corresponding to another user’s pre-existing mobile telephone number.” These features are not taught or suggested by the cited references, whether taken alone or in combination.

Claim 168 recites that “**the reader is included in the hard-wired telephone.**” These features are not taught or suggested by the cited references, whether taken alone or in combination.

B. Claim 107 and its Dependent Claims.

Claim 107 recites “a hard-wired telephone to receive calls from a land line at a first telephone number, the hard-wired telephone including a processor for automatically setting the first wireless communications unit to receive one or more calls from a wireless service provider, said processor automatically setting the first wireless communications unit to receive said calls based on a phone number of second wireless communications unit

corresponding to a user's pre-existing mobile telephone number." These features are not taught or suggested by the cited references, whether taken alone or in combination.

In addition to these features, claim 107 recites that "the user's pre-existing mobile telephone number is entered **through a keypad of the hard-wired telephone** for access by the processor for automatically setting the first wireless communications unit." These features are also not taught or suggested by the cited references, whether taken alone or in combination. Based on at least these differences, it is respectfully submitted that claim 107 and its dependent claims are allowable.

New claims 156-159 have been added to further define the invention of claim 107 and are allowable on grounds that the features they recite are not taught or suggested by the cited references, whether taken alone or in combination.

C. Claim 108 and its Dependent Claims.

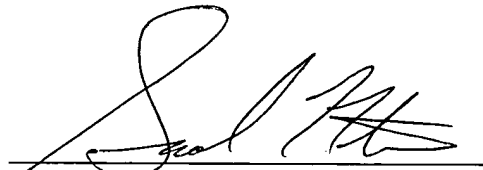
Claim 108 has been amended to recite patentably distinguishing features similar to claims 107. In addition, claim 108 recites that "**the first wireless communications unit is remotely coupled to said hard-wired telephone.**" These features are not taught or suggested by the cited references, whether taken alone or in combination. Based on these differences, it is respectfully submitted that claim 108 and its dependent claims are allowable, including new claims 160-163 which have been added to further define the invention of claim 108.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR ' 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with this application, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 16-0607 and credit any excess fees to the same Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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